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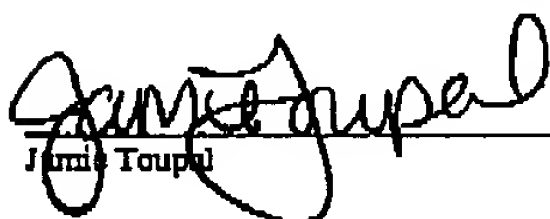
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION

The instant paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 11, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended, by enclosure of a 5 month petition for extension of time and fee, to and through February 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully request entry of this response to restriction/election:

- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include replacement sheets.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.